

I am shocked and disappointed to hear about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. It is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This should not be happening in the United States of America. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. If they air this program, I think that Sinclair's license should not be renewed if it airs such partisan "news" days before a national election, because they are clearly not operating in the nation's best interest. Additionally, Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.